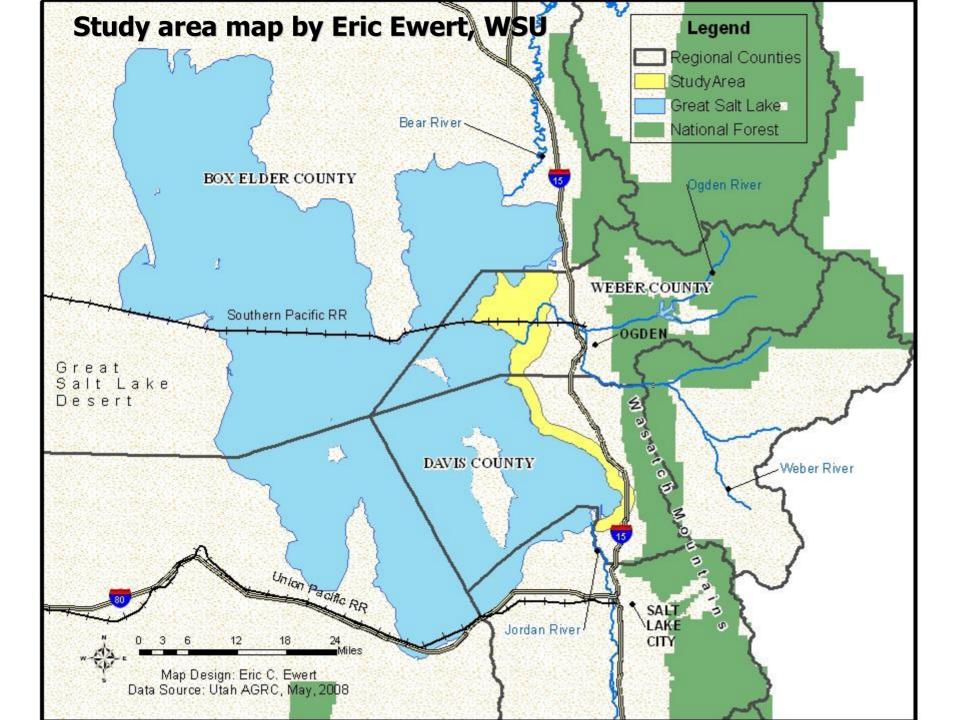
Views and Concerns of Residents Living near Great Salt Lake

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Methods:

- 18 Semi-structured interviews in Davis, Weber & Box Elder Counties
 - with residents & county commissioners
 - GSL state park rangers or refuge managers
- 2 focus groups: Davis & Weber residents
- Self-administered survey of residents living close to Great Salt Lake
 - Conducted in July & August 2007
 - 84% response rate, with 381 completed surveys



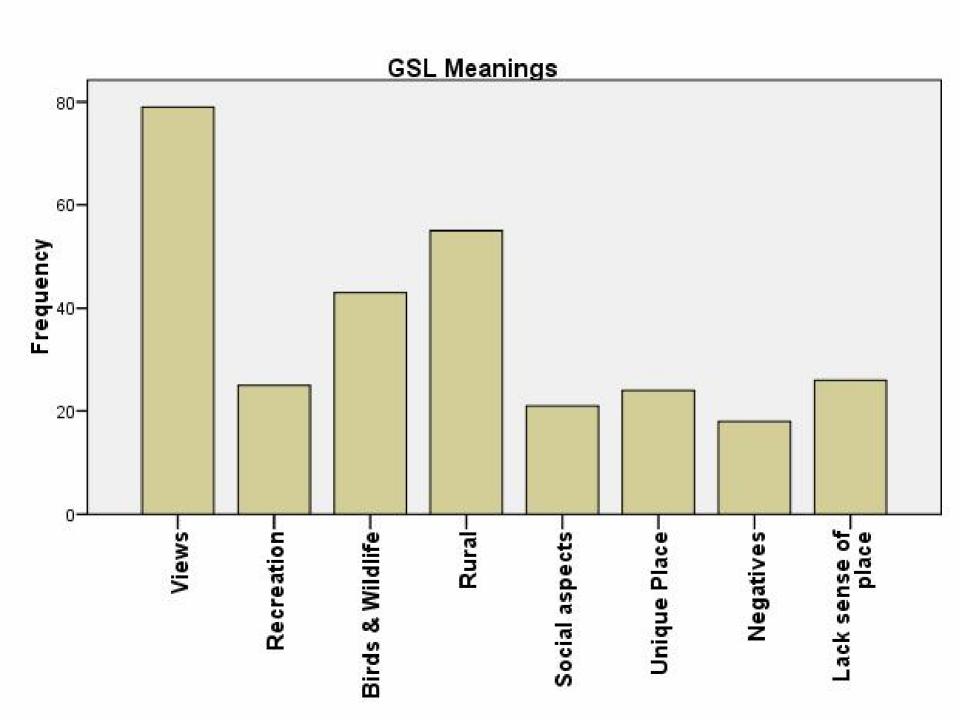
381 survey respondents:

- 19% report their property (or other property very near by) has been in their family for more than 1 generation
 - 10% for 3-5 generations; 7% since before
 1900, 5% since between 1900 & 1939
- Respondents have lived close to GSL 0-88 yrs.
 - Median: 16 years
- 26% spent at least 2 yrs of their childhood living within 1-2 miles of GSL
- Age range: 18-93, median age: 47
- 89% own their home/land

381 survey respondents:

 9% report they have never visited Great Salt Lake, its islands, bays or shorelands (including refuges and preserves)

	Lived near GSL			
	Less than	10 to	20 years	
Categories	10 years	19 years	or more	Total
Have never visited GSL or related sites	15%	6%	6%	9%
Have visited GSL or related sites	85%	94%	94%	91%



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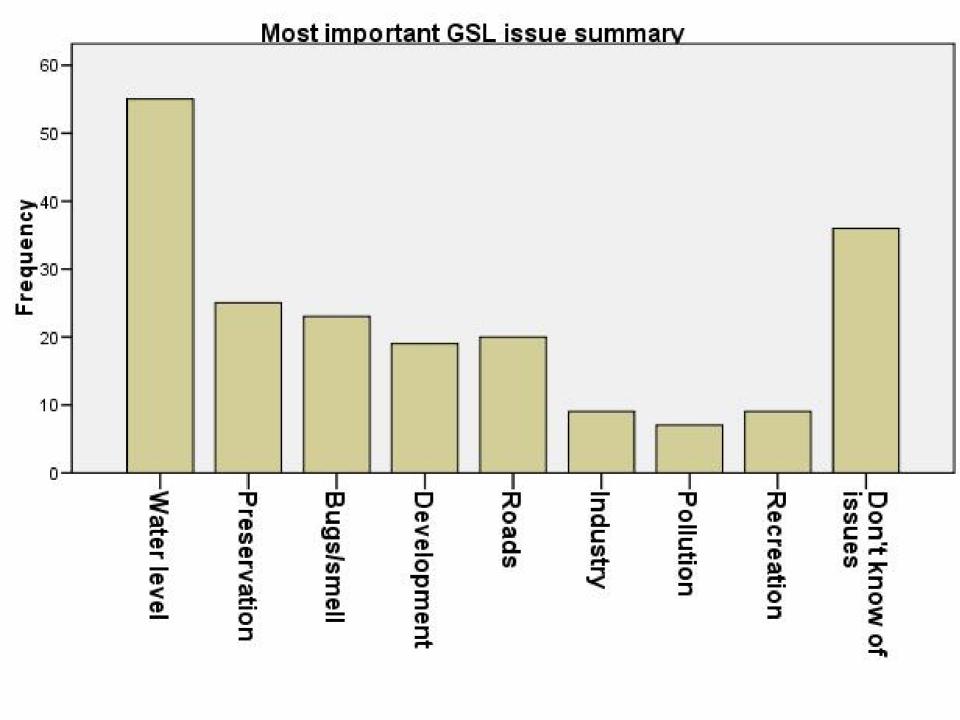
- Visit lake-related sites and/or participate in GSLrelated recreation most frequently
- Have lived near lake 20 years or more, on multigenerational familial property & grew up near GSL

Negative sense of the lake:

- Participate in GSL-related recreation infrequently if at all
- More likely to have never visited the lake
- Younger adults, lower education levels

Respondents having a sense of the lake are more likely to:

- Live nearer to access to the lake (Antelope Island Causeway)
- Live on multigenerational familial property
- Be LDS Church members
 - Although the lake meaning with the strongest relationship with LDS Church membership is the social and community meaning



Attitudes about GSL

(Means of agreement scale from 1 to 7 - 4 is neutral)

Agreed with (5-7):

- Great Salt Lake is a valuable resource (5.5)
- More should be done to protect the lake & wetlands (4.9)
- GSL is an important part of a beautiful landscape (5.4)

Disagreed with (1-3):

Great Salt Lake is a dead lake (3.4)

Close to Neutral (4):

- People make too much of a fuss over GSL wetlands (3.7)
- Water that feeds GSL should be diverted for more productive use (3.8)
- GSL is too smelly to spend much time there (4.2)

